



EAST KENT (NO. 3) UNITED DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT FOR

1943

ON THE

HEALTH OF:-

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

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Miss Denne.

Miss Bowkett.

EAST KENT (NO. 3) UNITED DISTRICT.

Hythe Borough; East Ashford R.D.; Elham R.D.; West Ashford R.D.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1943.

The report follows the suggestions of the Ministry of Health and the Vital Statistics are supplied by the Registrar General.

The A.R.P. Casualty Services and Rescue Parties for the Borough of Hythe are well equipped and well trained.

Those for Elham are good and considering it is a Rural District, the muster for exercises is good.

The whole time Ambulance personnel is very competent.

The Influenza outbreak in December was fortunately of a mild variety.

Will the Chairman and Members of the Councils please accept my thanks for their support and goodwill. Also I wish to record my appreciation for the efficient and hearty co-operation of the Sanitary Inspectors.

I am,
Yours obediently,

M. Nuttall

Medical Officer of Health.

HYTHE BOROUGH.

1943.

Area (In acres).	3,000
Rateable Value.	£92,460
Population.	4205
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£234

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>England & Wales.</u>
Legitimate.	64	29	35	
Illegitimate.	8	5	3	
Total	72	34	38	

Live Birth Rate per 1000 of population = 17.12 16.5

Still Births.	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate.	2	1	1
Illegitimate.	-	-	-
Total	2	1	1

Still Births

Rate per 1000, total (Live & Still) Births = 27.02
Rate per 1000 population, = .47 .45

<u>Deaths</u>	68	41	27	
Death rate per 1000 of population			= 16.17	12.1

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	Nil
Total	Nil

Rate per 1000. Live and Still Births. Nil

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age.

Infant Deaths.	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Legitimate	2	2	-	
Illegitimate	2	1	1	
Total	4	3	1	

All Infants per 1000 live Births = 55.55 49
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live Births = 46.87
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live Births = 125.00

Deaths from Cancer = 19
" " Measles = Nil
" " Whooping Cough = Nil
" " Diarrhoea
(Under 2 years of age) = 1

In June there was an outbreak of Measles with 118 notifications in persons aged 7 months to 60 years. No deaths were recorded. The use of Measles serum was negligible.

In December 8 cases of Whooping Cough were notified by Practitioners and 18 by Head Teachers of Schools. No deaths were recorded.

There was an outbreak of 2-3 day Influenza with 2 notifications of Pneumonia.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The number of children who were completely immunised during 1943.

<u>Under 5</u>	<u>5-15</u>	<u>Total</u>
111	16	127

Percentage of child population immunised to 31.12.43.

76	92	168
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There are two schools in the District showing a percentage of 96 completely immunised children attending these schools.

There were no cases of Diphtheria notified.

SCABIES.

None notified.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

None notified.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There is a Tuberculosis Clinic under the Kent County Council at:-

(1) Ashford.

(2) Folkestone

(3)

	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1-5			1				1	
5-15			1					
15-25	1					1		
25-35						1		
35-45	1				1			
45-55	1							
55-65	1				1			
& upwards								
Total:	4	-	2	-	2	2	1	-

Total number of Cases on the Register at 31.12.43.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Hythe Borough.	13	11	2	2	28
Numbers for 1942	10	11	1	3	25

HYTHE BOROUGH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1945.

(Civilian Population only)

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Smallpox	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	5	-
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Acute Polioencephalitis	-	-	-
Pneumonia	2	1	1
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Measles	118	-	-
Whooping Cough	26	-	-
Total	153	6	1

CAUSES OF DEATH IN HYTHE BOROUGH.

DURING THE YEAR 1943.

<u>All Causes</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1. Paratyphoid and typhoid Fevers	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal fever	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	2	1
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	-
8. Syphilitic	-	-
9. Influenza	1	1
10. Measles	-	-
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	-	-
12. Acute Infective Encephalitis	-	-
13. Cancer of the Buccal Cavity and oesophagus	-	-
(m) uterus (f)	-	-
14. Cancer of the stomach and the duodenum	6	1
15. Cancer of the Breast	1	3
16. Cancer of all other sites	3.	5
17. Diabetes	-	-
18. Inter-cranial vascular lesions	1	3
19. Heart Disease	11	9
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system	-	-
21. Bronchitis	4	1
22. Pneumonia	-	-
23. Other Respiratory diseases	1	-
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	-	-
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	-
26. Appendicitis	-	-
27. Other digestive diseases	2	1
28. Nephritis	-	-
29. Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	-	-
30. Other maternal causes	-	-
31. Premature Birth	-	1
32. Congenital Malformation (Birth injuries	-	-
Infantile diseases)	1	-
33. Suicide	-	-
34. Road Traffic Accidents	1	-
35. Other Violent Causes	-	-
36. All other causes	5	1
Total	41	27

REPORT re BOROUGH OF HYTHE WATER

Sufficiency. The existing sources of water for the Borough of Hythe and the quantity which each can be expected to yield under dry summer conditions are estimated as follows:-

a. Town Springs	9,000	gallons per day
b. Blackrock Springs	13,000	" " "
c. West Hythe Springs	30,000	" " "
d. Saltwood Well	49,000	" " "
e. Bluchouse Well	160,000	" " "
f. Postling Borehole	54,000	" " "
	520,000	" " "

These are average figures and the yields have been shown to be less in exceptionally dry weather.

The peace-time population is about 9,000 which with a normal consumption of 30 gallons per head per day equals a daily consumption of 270,000 gallons. In the summer, however, when there is usually an additional population due to summer visitors coinciding with the period when the water yield is at its lowest, there is usually a period of three months when the quantity of water produced is barely sufficient to supply demand.

Under present circumstances it is impossible to estimate the population and consumption varies, but water has been obtained from other authorities (Folkestone Water Co.) and has been sold to other authorities (Elham Valley Water Co.).

Quality. Samples have been sent for bacteriological examination from all the above sources.

During the year it has been found that the existing system of chlorination of Bluchouse water is not satisfactory. A number of samples were taken and it was found that there were excessive quantities of iron which prevented good chlorination of the water and that the p.h. value of the water required correction. Accordingly, a scheme for better aeration and filtration to remove the iron and for lime dosing to correct the p.h. value was approved by the Council and work is now in hand.

Postling water is of similar quality to the above and will be treated by the same plant.

Supplies. All supplies of water in the Borough are constant.

Every house is supplied direct from the mains. No water supplies in the Borough have any plumbo solvent action.

12 samples are taken every year for Bacteriological examination.

These include 6 samples from the normal supply, the remaining 6 from possible emergency sources.

These waters for classification are entitled to be graded Class 1. (Highly satisfactory waters).

Source. Blue House. Postling. Saltwood. West Hythe. Town Springs. Blackrock. (The three latter being gravitation springs).

During 1943 there have been received 117 reports on samples of water classified as:-

Good Waters	101	
Satisfactory	7	
Contaminated	9	- of the contaminated waters, 8 were untreated. 1 classed as good water when next examined.

(Signed) J. PLIM.

Sanitary Inspector.

31st December, 1943.

EAST ASHFORD

Area (In acres).	51,398
Rateable Value.	£39,000
Population.	8,792
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£165

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	116	48	68
Illegitimate	12	6	6
Total	128	54	74

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of population = 14.55

Still Births.	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	3	3	-
Illegitimate	1	1	-
Total	4	4	-

Still Births

Rate per 1000 Total (Live & Still) Births = 30.30
Rate per 1000 Population = .45

Deaths 129 72 57
Death Rate per 1000 of population = 14.67

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	Nil
Total	Nil

Rate per 1000. Live and Still Births.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age.

Infant Deaths.

Legitimate.
Illegitimate

All infants per 1000 Live Births. = 23.43
Legitimate Infants per 1000 Legitimate Live Births = 25.86
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Illegitimate Live Births = Nil

Deaths from Cancer = 22
" " Measles = Nil
" " Whooping Cough = Nil
" " Diarrhoea
(under 2 years of age) = Nil

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Number of children completely immunised in 1943.

<u>Under 5</u>	<u>5-15</u>	<u>Total</u>
102	93	195

Percentage of Child Population immunised at 31.12.43.

70% 85%

There are 13 schools in the District showing a percentage of 93.5 completely immunised children attending these schools.

SCABIES.

4 cases were notified. These notifications are all followed up and treated if necessary. Disinfection is carried out at the Ashford Isolation Hospital.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

Nil

TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Age</u> <u>Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0		1						
1								
5								
10								
15	1	1	1			1		
20		2						
25	1	1	1			1		
35	2	1						
45			1					
55			1					
65								
and over								
Total	4	6	4	-	-	2	-	-

Total number of cases on the Register at 31.12.43.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
East Ashford.	5	11	8	3	27
Numbers for 1942	5	5	9	5	24

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES (SECTIONS 187-194) OF THE PUBLIC HOMES ACT, 1936.

<u>Homes on the Register</u> <u>at the end of 1943</u>	<u>No. of beds provided.</u>		<u>Total.</u>
	<u>Maternity</u>	<u>Others</u>	
1	1	1	2

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1943.

(Civilian Population Only)

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Smallpox	-	-	-
Diphtheria	2	2	-
Scarlet Fever	7	6	-
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Acute Polioencephalitis	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Measles	15	-	-
Whooping Cough	24	-	-
Total	51	10	-

CAUSES OF DEATH IN EAST ASHFORD DURING THE YEAR 1943.

<u>All Causes</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1. Paratyphoid and typhoid fevers	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal fever	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	3	1
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	1
8. Syphilitic	-	-
9. Influenza	2	2
10. Measles	-	-
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	-	-
12. Acute Infective Encephalitis	-	-
13. Cancer of the Buccal Cavity and oesophagus (m) uterus (f)	1	1
14. Cancer of the stomach and the duodenum	2	-
15. Cancer of the Breast	-	-
16. Cancer of all other sites	11	7
17. Diabetes	1	-
Totals carried forward	20	12

<u>All Causes</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Totals brought forward	20	12
18. Inter-cranial vascular lesions	8	5
19. Heart Disease	21	19
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system	1	1
21. Bronchitis	1	4
22. Pneumonia	3	3
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	1	-
24. Ulcer of Stomach or duodenum	-	-
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-	-
26. Appendicitis	-	-
27. Other digestive diseases	5	1
28. Nephritis	-	3
29. Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	-	-
30. Other maternal causes	-	-
31. Premature Birth	1	-
32. Congenital Malformation (Birth injuries Infantile diseases)	1	1
33. Suicide	-	1
34. Road Traffic Accidents	-	-
35. Other violent causes	3	2
36. All other causes	7	5
Total	72	57

HOP-PICKERS' CAMPS.

The Camps were again visited by an Official (Dr. Harvey) of the Ministry of Health in August last. These camps are under constant supervision and every endeavour is taken to improve the conditions especially structural. The hop-picking season extended from 31st August to 24th September. As regards the conditions from the health point of view I beg to forward a copy of:-

Medical Work for Hop-pickers - 1943 Season.

Location of Dispensary	Stone Stile Farm
Period of Opening	31st August to 24th September
Staffing	B.R.C.S. - Kent 260
Total out-patient attendances	412
No. of cases referred to Local Doctor	24
" " " sent to Hospital	
(a) General Hospital	1
(b) I. D. Hospital	Nil

Classification of cases dealt with:-

Accidents	49	(mostly minor)
Infectious diseases	4	(all Whooping Cough)
Scabies	Nil	
Other Skin diseases	66	(including spots & bites)
Diseases due to Hop-picking	4	(Hop rash)
	1	(Hop eye)
	1	(Hop gout)
Others	76	

This report was provided by the C. E. T. S. who provided a dispensary at Stone Street, Chilham.

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Houses connected to water mains and houses dependent on private supplies.

Parish	Census figures for 1931.		No. of houses at current Rate Books		Houses connected to Mid Kent Mains		Houses connected to Ashford U.D. C. Mains		Houses not connected to water mains.		Remarks.
	Hou- se	Pop'n	Hou- se	Pop'n	Hou- se	Pop'n	Hou- se	Pop'n	Hou- se	Pop'n	
ALDINGTON	199	698	222	777	134	469			88	308	Biological supervision of water supplies by the Public Health Department of the Kent County Council, Maidstone, is undertaken. Routine examination is carried out. All samples from the Mid Kent Water Co. are good waters. The water supply is constant. The water is not liable to plumbo-solvent action.
BILSINGTON	83	290	93	325	54	189			39	136	
BONNINGTON	33	115	40	140	23	80			17	59	
BOUGHTON ALPH	134	470	183	640	140	490			45	150	
BRABOURNE	189	661	224	784	147	514			77	269	
BROOK	41	144	48	168	46	161			2	7	
CEALLOCK	75	262	113	394	104	364			9	31	
CEILHAM	358	1253	381	1333	307	1077			74	259	
CEYNDALE	50	179	51	178	32	112			19	66	
EASTWELL	26	93	33	115	11	38			22	77	
GODMERSHAM	73	256	84	294	67	234			17	60	
HASTINGLEIGH	52	181	59	206	52	182			7	24	
HILMILL	23	82	21	73			11	38	10	35	
MERSHAM	181	634	198	693	106	371			92	321	
MOLASH	59	208	65	227	56	196			9	31	
OPLESTONE	108	380	152	536	110	385			42	147	
ROCKINGE	163	571	213	745	129	451	34	119	84	294	
SEWINGTON	59	206	51	178					17	59	
SNEETH	140	488	190	665	126	441			64	224	
WAREHORNE	92	321	103	360	71	248			32	112	
WYE	416	1458	470	1645	320	1120			150	525	
Adjustment for unoccupied houses	2154	8950	2994	10476	2035	7122	45	157	914	3194	Note: The figures as to population are based on an average of 3½ persons per house.
Totals for Dist.	2551	8950	2940	10287	1999	6996	43	150	898	3138	

RURAL DISTRICT OF EAST ASHFORD (1943)

	No. in District	No. of visits in 1943	No. of faults & defects found	No. of faults & defects remedied
Bakehouses	9	10	1	1
Dairies { Producers	105	93	32	20
{ Retailers	51	35	5	4
Slaughterhouses { Registered	-	8	-	-
{ Licenced	10		-	-
Other food-preparing places which are, as such, subject to inspection.	nil	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	nil	-	-	-
Common lodging houses	nil	-	-	-
Houses-let-in lodgings	nil	-	-	-
Factories	10	16	5	4
Workshops	38			
Workplaces (other than outworkers' homes)	4			

Nuisances and defects remedied during the year (other than those enumerated in the above tabulation).

Overcrowding.....1	Refuse Receptacles.....2
Keeping of Animals.....2	Tents, vans & sheds.....1
Hop-pickers' Camps.....12	Smoke nuisances.....-
Sanitary Accommodation	Yard paving.....5
(i) Insufficient.....4	Dampness.....5
(ii) Defective.....8	Roofs & rain water pipes.....4
Drainage	Floors.....9
(i) Re-constructed.....9	Walls & Ceilings.....5
(ii) Repaired.....5	Windows & Ventilation.....6
(iii) Cleansed.....8	Baths, Lavatory basins & sinks...5
Cesspools	Water supplies.....18
(i) Abolished.....	Miscellaneous.....18
(ii) Repaired.....5	
Offensive accumulations...13	
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by inspector(s) during the year.....1670	

Amount of food condemned during the year. (Please include approximate weight of items which have not been weighed):-

- tons. 9 cwts. 2 qrs. 1 lbs.

(Including - carcasses - or parts of carcasses - condemned on account of tuberculosis).

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1936-1941.

Pasteurisation.

Please state the number of pasteurising plants for which licences are in operation in respect of :-

- (a) "Holder" process as laid down in the Orders of 1936 and 1938..... Nil
- (b) "High Temperature Short Time" process as laid down in the Regulations of 1941..... Nil

	No. of samples taken	No. of unsatisfactory samples
Plate count test	nil	-
Phosphatase test	nil	-

HOUSING.

Any comments upon the general question of housing; and in particular, upon war conditions and their effect on housing.

Owing to shortage of materials and labour, there is some difficulty in maintaining houses in proper repair, the same difficulty arises in connection with obtaining necessary sanitary improvements.

There is a general shortage of houses resulting in an undue proportion being occupied by more than one family.

During the year, six additional cottages are being provided in the District for the accommodation of Agricultural workers.

(Signed) R. STEVENSON.

Sanitary Inspector.

WEST ASHFORD R.D.C. 1943.

Area (In acres).	39455
Rateable Value.	£38,391
Population.	8,147
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£160.

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	133	63	70
Illegitimate.	8	1	7
Total.	<u>141</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>77</u>

Birth Rate per 1,000 of population. = 17.22

Still Births.	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	2	2	-
Total.	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Still Births.
Rate per 1,000 Total (Live & Still) Births = 20.83
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population. = 0.36

Deaths.
Death Rate, per 1,000 of population = 15.15

Deaths.	
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	Nil
Total.	Nil

Rate per 1,000
Live & Still Births)

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

Infant Deaths. Legitimate
 Illegitimate.

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	= 23.36
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	= 22.55
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	= 25.00

Deaths from Cancer. All ages	27
Deaths from Measles	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea.	Nil
(under 2 years of age).	

WEST ASHFORD

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The number of children who were completely immunised during 1943

<u>Under 5</u>	<u>5-15</u>	<u>Total.</u>
118	71	189

Percentage of child population immunised to 31.12.43

54	97
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There are twelve Schools in the District showing a percentage of 93 completely immunised children attending these Schools.

SCABIES.

4 Cases have been notified. Investigation and treatment is given in all cases. If necessary bedding and clothing are treated at the Ashford Isolation Hospital. Benzyl Benzoate is commonly used with good results.

Veneral Disease.

Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0								
1								
5								
10			2					
15								
20								
25	1	1						
35	4	1				1		
45	5				1			
55	1	2						
65								
and over								
Total.	11	8	2	-	1	1	-	-

Total number of cases on the Register on 31.12.43

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Total.</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
West Ashford.	12	18	7	4	41.
Numbers for 1942	15	17	2	6	40

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES (SECTIONS 187-194) OF THE PUBLIC HOMES ACT 1936

<u>Homes on the Register at the end of 1943</u>	<u>Maternity.</u>	<u>No. of beds provided.</u>	
		<u>Others.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1	0	7	7

WEST ASHFORD

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1943

(Civilian Population Only)

<u>Diseases.</u>	<u>Total Cases</u> <u>Notified.</u>	<u>Cases</u> <u>Admitted to</u> <u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Deaths.</u>
Smallpox	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	13	13	-
Enteric Fever. (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Acute Polioencephalitis	-	-	-
Pneumonia	14	1	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-
Measles	29	-	-
Whooping Cough.	40	-	-
Total.	98	14	2

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WEST ASHFORD DURING

THE YEAR 1943.

<u>All Causes.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
1. Paratyphoid and typhoid Fevers	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	5	2
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-
8. Syphilitic	-	-
Total carried forward	5	2

All Causes.

Males.

Females.

Total Brought Forward.	5	2
9. Influenza.	3	2
10. Measles.	4	4
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	4	1
12. Acute Infective Encephalitis	1	1
13. Cancer of the Buccal Cavity and oesophagus (M) uterus (F)	1	1
14. Cancer of the stomach and the duodenum	3	1
15. Cancer of the Breast.	1	2
16. Cancer of all other sites.	12	7
17. Diabetes	1	1
18. Inter-cranial vascular lesions	5	9
19. Heart Disease.	9	25
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system.	2	4
21. Bronchitis	1	1
22. Pneumonia	2	3
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	1	1
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	1
25. Diarrhoea. (under 2 years)	1	1
26. Appendicitis	1	1
27. Other digestive diseases	1	1
28. Nephritis	1	1
29. Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis.	1	1
30. Other maternal causes	1	1
31. Premature Birth	1	1
32. Congenital Malformation (Birth injuries Infantile diseases).	1	3
33. Suicide	1	1
34. Road Traffic Accidents	1	1
35. Other violent causes.	5	0
36. All other causes.	4	6
37. Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1

Total.

55

70.

HOP PICKERS CAMPS

These camps were again visited by an Official (Dr. Harvey) of the Ministry of Health in August last.

These conditions have been greatly improved and the housing accommodation is excellent. New Huts of brick having been erected.

WATER

The number of Houses supplied by the Mid Kent Water Co., in the West Ashford R.D. 1911-

Parish	No. of Houses.	Total pop. 1901	Area in Acres.	No. of houses supplied.
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BETHERSDEN	310	1070	6376	267
CHARING	509	1720	4633	403
EGERTON	231	800	2847	138
GREAT CHART.	182	660	3276	88
HOTHFIELD	83	280	1829	25
KINGENORTH	241	910	3262	214
LITTLE CHART	71	230	1437	75
PLUCKLEY	252	860	3202	211
SHADOXHURST	173	620	1982	138
SMARDEN	295	1010	5586	256
WESTWELL.	316	1180	5222	215
Totals.	2662	9550	39453	2030

The supply of the company is sufficient and constant. Routine examination of the water is carried out by the Kent County Council Laboratory who report Good Waters.

The Water is not liable to plumbo solvent action.

RURAL DISTRICT OF WEST ASHFORD (1943)

	No. in District.	No. of visits in 1943.	No. of faults & defects found	No. of faults & defects remedied
Bakehouses	3	9	1	1
Dairies { Producers	146	265	4	4
{ Retailers	77	57	nil	nil
Slaughterhouses { Registered	5	79	nil	nil
{ Licenced	9			
Other food-preparing places which are, as such, subject to inspection.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	No. in Dis- trict.	No. of visits in 1943	No. of faults & defects found	No. of faults & defects remedied.
Offensive Trades	2	10		
Common lodging houses	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Houses-let-in lodgings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Factories	15	52	2	2
Workshops	17	18	Nil	Nil
Workplaces (other than outworkers' homes).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Nuisances and defects remedied during the year (other than those enumerated in the above tabulation).

Overcrowding.....Nil.....	Refuse Receptacles...Nil.....
Keeping of Animals...One.....	Tents, Yans & sheds..One.....
Hop-pickers' Camps..16..huts..rebuilt	Smoke nuisances.....Nil.....
Sanitary Accommodation	Yard Paving.....Nil.....
(i) Insufficient...Nil.....	Dampness.....Nil.....
(ii) Defective.....Nil.....	Roofs & rain water pipes...nil.....
Drainage	Floors.....nil.....
(i) Re-constructed...4.....	Walls & Ceilings.....one.....
(ii) Repaired.....4.....	Windows & Ventilation...one.....
(iii) Cleansed.....nil.....	Baths Lavatory basins & sinks..nil..
Cesspools	Water supplies.....8.....
(i) Abolished.....nil.....	
(ii) Repaired.....3.....	
Offensive accumulations....2.....	
Miscellaneous.....One.....	

Total number of visits of all kinds paid by
Inspector(s) during the year.....2988.....

Amount of food condemned during the year. (Please include approximate
weight of items which have not been weighed):-

Nil tons 5 cwts. 1 qrs. 2 lbs.

(Including --- carcasses - or parts of carcasses - one part.
condemned on account of tuberculosis).

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1936-1941.

Pasteurisation.

Please state the number of pasteurising plants for which licences are in operation in respect of:-

- (a) "Holder" process as laid down in the Orders of 1936 and 1938..... Nil
- (b) "High Temperature Short Time" process as laid down in the Regulations of 1941..... Nil

	No. of samples taken	No. of unsatis- factory samples
Plate count test	-	-
Phosphatase test	-	-

HOUSING.

Any comments upon the general question of housing: and in particular, upon war conditions and their effect on housing.

General difficulty is being experienced in getting necessary repairs carried out owing to shortage of qualified labour in the district. As much use as possible is being made of Circular 2871.

(Signed) G.P.LAWRENCE.

Sanitary Inspector.

WILLIAM

1921

Area (In acres). 86,453
 Rateable Value 854,331
 Population 7,612
 Sum represented by a penny rate. 8230

Vital Statistics

Live Births.	Total.	Male.	Female
Legitimate.	174	51	63
Illegitimate.	12	4	8
Total.	126	55	71

Birth Rate per 1,000 of population =16.55

Still Births.	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate.	1	1	1
Illegitimate.	..	..	..
Total.	1	-	1

Still Births.
 Rate per 1,000 Total (live & Still) Births. =7.87
 Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population .13

Deaths. 135 79 54
 Death Rate, per 1,000 of population. =17.47

Deaths.
 Puerperal Sepsis. Nil.
 Other Puerperal Causes Nil.
 Total. Nil.

Rate per 1,000
 Live & Still Births)

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

Infant Deaths. Legitimate.
 Illegitimate.

All infants per 1,000 Live Births =39.68
 Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births. =43.85
 Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births. Nil

Deaths from Cancer. All ages. 20
 Deaths from Measles. Nil
 Deaths from Whooping Cough. Nil
 Deaths from Diarrhoea. Nil
 (under 2 years of age).

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The number of children who were completely immunised during 1943

<u>Under 5.</u>	<u>5-15</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>137</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>198</u>

Percentage of child population immunised to 31.12.43

77.6 86

There are eleven Schools in the District showing a percentage of 97 completely immunised children attending these Schools.

SCABIES.

4 cases have been notified. Investigation and treatment is given in all cases. If necessary bedding and clothing are treated at the Ashford Isolation Hospital.

Benzyl Benzoate is commonly used with good results.

Veneral Disease.

One notification has been received. (Army).

TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Age</u> <u>Periods.</u>	<u>New cases</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non Pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0								
1								
5			1					
10								
15								
20	2				2			
25		1						
35		2			1			
45	1	1						
55		1			1	1		
65								
and over.								
Total.	3	5	1	2	4	1	-	1

Total number of cases on the Register on 31.12.43

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Total.</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Elham.	12	9	2	4	27
Numbers for 1942	12	6	4	4	26.

ELHAM.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1943

(Civilian Population Only).

<u>Diseases.</u>	<u>Total Cases</u> <u>Notified.</u>	<u>Cases</u> <u>Admitted to</u> <u>Hospital</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Deaths</u>
Smallpox	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever.	3	3	-
Enteric Fever. (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever.	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-
Acute Polioencephalitis.	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	3	1	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Measles.	80	-	-
Whooping Cough.	24	-	-
 Total.	 113	 6	 -

CAUSES OF DEATH IN ELHAM DURING THE
YEAR 1943

<u>All Causes.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females</u>
1. Paratyphoid and typhoid fevers.	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal fever.	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	6	-
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-
8. Syphilitic	-	1
9. Influenza.	1	1
10. Measles.	-	-
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	-	-
12. Acute Infective Encephalitis	-	-

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All Causes.	Males	Females
Total brought forward.	7	2
13. Cancer of the Buccal Cavity and oesophagus (M) uterus (F).	1	3
14. Cancer of the Stomach and the duodenum.	2	0
15. Cancer of the Breast.	0	3
16. Cancer of all other Sites.	4	7
17. Diabetes.	2	1
18. Inter-cranial vascular lesions.	8	6
19. Heart Disease.	2½	13
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system	2	4
21. Bronchitis	6	2
22. Pneumonia	4	2
23. Other Respiratory Diseases.	1	2
24. Ulcer of Stomach or duodenum	4	6
25. Diarrhoea (under 3 years).	1	1
26. Appendicitis.	1	1
27. Other digestive diseases	3	2
28. Nephritis	2	0
29. Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis.	1	1
30. Other Maternal Causes.	1	1
31. Premature Birth.	2	1
32. Congenital Malformation (Birth injuries Infantile diseases).	0	0
33. Suicide.	0	1
34. Road Traffic accidents.	1	1
35. Other violent causes.	2	0
36. All other causes.	5	5

Total.	79	54.
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ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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<u>Water Supply Parish</u>	<u>No. of Houses.</u>	<u>No. of houses with piped supply</u>	
Acrise	39	15	Constant supply
Elham	445	180	do
Elmsted	100	52	do
Hawkinge	262	198	do
Lyminge	450	300	do
Lympne	201	115	do
Monks Horton	43	Nil	—
Newington	194	52	Constant supply
Paddlesworth	11	Nil	—
Postling	52	26	Constant supply
Saltwood	291	252	do
Sellinge	274	116	do
Stanford	138	69	do
Stelling and Stelling Minnis	103	32	do
Stowting	62	10	do
Swingfield	195	98	do
	<u>2775</u>	<u>1515</u>	

Area (36,685) acres consisting of 17 parishes. Piped water is supplied in the area by four Public Utility Undertakings and four private concerns. Two Parishes consisting of 54 properties have no piped supply. Of the remaining 2721 properties in the District 1515 have a constant piped supply available for approx. 5,300 persons. Routine samples are taken regularly and the water is of good quality. The remainder of the properties are supplied, either by wells, or rainwater tanks and the available water has been found to be insufficient in a number of sparsely populated areas. There is no plumbo solvent action.

E. Badcock.

13.3.44

Rural District of Elham (1943).

	No. in District.	No. of visits in 1943.	No. of faults & defects found.	No. of faults & defects remedied
Bakehouses	6	8	3	3
Dairies (Producers)	91	218	35	22
(Retailers)	14	27	6	5
Slaughter (Registered)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(Licenced)	Nil	Nil		
Other food-preparing places which are, as such, subject to inspection.	10	14	4	3
Offensive Trades	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Common Lodging houses	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Houses-let-in lodgings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Factories	12	3		
Workshops	32	4		
Workplaces (other than outworkers' homes).	6	2	Nil	Nil

Nuisances and defects remedied during the year (other than those enumerated in the above tabulation.

Overcrowding.....1.....	Refuse Receptacles....1.....
Keeping of animals..4.....	Tents, vans & sheds...1.....
Hop-pickers' Camps..nil.....	Smoke nuisances.....1.....
Sanitary Accommodation	Yard Paving 3.....
(i) Insufficient.....1.....	
(ii) Defective.....6.....	Dampness.....4.....

Drainage.
 (i) Re-constructed.....5.....
 (ii) Repaired.....2.....
 (iii) Cleansed.....4.....
 Roofs & rain water pipes.....6.....
 Floors.....4.....
 Walls & Ceilings.....7.....
 Windows & Ventilation.....6.....
 Cesspools
 (i) Abolished.....nil.....
 (ii) Repaired.....3.....
 Baths Lavatory basins & sinks...11...
 Water Supplies.....12...
 Offensive accumulations.9.....
 Miscellaneous.....5.....
 Total number of visits of all kinds paid by
 inspector(s) during the year.....858.....

Amount of Food condemned during the year. (Please include
approximate weight of items which have not been weighed):-

.Nil.....tons.....one...cwts....nil...qurs...27.....lbs.

5. (Including nil...carcases - or parts of carcasses.-
 condemned on account of Tuberculosis).

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1936-1941.-

Pasteurisation.

Please state the number of pasteurising plants for which
 licenses are in operation in respect of -

(a) "Holder" process as laid down in the Orders of
 1936 and 1938...nil.....

(b) "High Temperature Short Time" process as laid down in
 the Regulations of 1941...nil.....

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatis- factory samples.
Plate count test	nil	nil
Phosphatase test	nil	nil

HOUSING.

Any comments upon the general question of Housing and in
 particular, upon war conditions and their effect on
 housing.

....Considerable delay usually arising in completion of.....
repairs but progress has been made with more extensive.....
works since Ministry of Health Circular 2371 came into.....
operation. The general situation has deteriorated.....
little during the year but general maintenance work.....
is still not receiving proper attention.....

(Signed...E..Badcock.....
 Sanitary Inspector